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### **Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/629,699; Filed: July 30, 2003  
For: **Valve Pin Guidance and Alignment System  
for an Injection Molding Apparatus**  
Inventors: FISCHER *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2107.1680001/TUM/RLP

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO/SB/08a listing 64 documents;
4. Copies of BA2-BL2, BA3-BM3 and CA3-CC3 from Form PTO/SB/08a;
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
6. Copies of figures 1, 2a-2d, 3, 4a-4d, 5-18, 19a-19b and 20;
7. Fee Transmittal Form;
8. United States Patent and Trademark Office Credit Card Payment Form; and
9. Return postcard.

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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/629,699
Filing Date	July 30, 2003
First Named Inventor	Jonathon FISCHER
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
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1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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**Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are nineteen sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2a-2d, 3, 4a-4d, 5-18, 19a-19b and 20, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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